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For: PROCESS FOR IDENTIFICATION OF  
GENES, PERTURBAGENS AND  
CELLULAR TARGETS RELATING TO  
VIRAL GROWTH AND DISEASE

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SUPPLEMENTAL PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Sir:

This is a preliminary amendment to **Application No. 09/259,155**. On February 18, 2000, the Examiner issued an Office Action, and on August 15, 2000 Applicant filed a Response and Amendment. Applicant's representative discussed the case with the Examiner on November 6, 2000. Claims 1-9, 11 and 13 are pending.

AMENDMENT

Please CANCEL claim 5.

Please AMEND the claims as follows:

1. (Twice Amended) A method for identifying a proteinaceous perturbagen that inhibits viral growth-related cell death, comprising the steps of:
  - (a) introducing a library of [perturbagen encoding] nucleic acids, each library member encoding a perturbagen within a scaffold structure, into a population of host cells;
  - (b) expressing the encoded proteinaceous perturbagens within said scaffold structure in said population of host cells;